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## U.N. officials concerned bill may cause rift

By The Washington Post

**UNITED NATIONS** — U.N. officials fear that President Clinton's refusal to seek a compromise with Republican legislators over a bill to pay nearly \$1 billion in back dues will cause an irreparable rift in U.S. relations with the world body.

Clinton has said he would veto the legislation because it also contains a controversial antiabortion provision.

"It is not our business to recommend that the president avoid a veto by compromising," one senior U.N. source said. "But if the White House and Congress don't find a way to get together, the U.N.'s funding crisis likely will never be resolved and the finger pointing about who's to blame will make the United Nations a big football in American politics."

U.N. officials have been angry for months at GOP congressional leaders for holding the U.N. payments hostage to the antiabortion provision. Now there is a growing feeling that Clinton also is willing to sacrifice the interests of the United Nations to factors he considers more important to his policy calculus.

## AF bases worldwide soon to be revamped

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Air Force's top general wants to create a handful of "superbases" in the United States by bolstering some and paring down or closing others.

"This is an urgent issue," Gen. Michael E. Ryan said in an interview. "We need to reorganize ourselves. We need to get rid of excess infrastructure."

The pressure in recent years of establishing bases at overseas crisis points — Bosnia, the Middle East, Africa — has resulted in domestic bases being "stretched too thin," Ryan said.

And while Air Force combat units are designed to deploy at a moment's notice, the cooks, engineers, medical personnel, military police and other units that keep bases humming aren't organized for immediate assignment abroad.

So the general is looking at consolidating such support units at four to six bases in the United States. He would not specify them, saying he's asked his staff for a "template" of which bases should grow and which should be slimmed or closed. He also is considering organizing combat units into "expeditionary" forces to rotate responsibility for overseas deployments, allowing personnel to count on time at home with their families, he said.

But he stressed the Air Force needs to close bases, and that is a suggestion that

sends chills through communities across the nation and has been rejected by many lawmakers on Capitol Hill. The service has 67 major bases in the United States and 14 abroad.

"This isn't easy, but it's necessary," Ryan said.

In the aftermath of the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia in 1996 that claimed 19 airmen, bases at home and abroad are creating special security teams to counter possible terrorist threats. Bigger bases would make that process easier to absorb.

"We are spread so thin across our bases that when you take a 44-man security force team off the base it's a big whack out of the security force on the base, and everybody starts working twice as hard," Ryan said. Such Air Force units both at home and abroad work 12-hour shifts. "We have to fix that," he said.

The general lauded the Navy and the Marine Corps for consolidating support units at a few bases, moves made in base-closure rounds in 1993 and 1995. Those services "have it about right," Ryan said. "When they leave a port, they do not strip their support out of the home bases to put it on the ships."

"We've been doing this for eight years now, and it is really wearing on the force," he said.

## United Nations trying not to make waves in Iraq

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — Two months after U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan brokered a deal that averted war between the United States and Iraq, the new U.N. attitude toward the arms inspection conflict seems to be "Don't make waves."

Meanwhile, it is the U.N. weapons inspectors who are

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under siege. The inspectors are fighting to defend the independence of their mission to determine if Baghdad is still holding banned weapons.

After Iraq barred inspectors from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's palaces, the United States and Britain threatened

military strikes. Annan's deal with Baghdad averted the strike and opened the palaces.

The agreement also boosted the prestige of Annan and the United Nations at a time when it was struggling to find a role in global affairs.

So when Iraq's foreign minister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, suggested this week

that the agreement did not provide for "unlimited" palace inspections, as Washington maintains, Annan's spokesman said only that the secretary-general had no reason to believe Iraq would not comply with its obligations.

No attempt has been made to test the agreement with a second round of palace visits.

# Marine Corps pilot keeping faith

By Los Angeles Times

ATLANTIC BEACH, N.C. — Marine Corps Capt. Richard Ashby remembers the two cables just suddenly appearing in midair.

Strapped into the cockpit of his EA-6B Prowler jet, he banked the wing, rolled hard to the left and dropped the nose, but even those maneuvers were not enough to avoid the collision. He heard a light thud and then, pulling the plane up, he again saw blue sky.

Uncertain of what he had hit, concerned about damage to his plane, fearful for the safety of his crew, he hurried home to Aviano Air Base in Italy.

He thought he was returning a hero, his crew safe, his plane intact. Instead, he quickly heard the news that forever changed the destiny of this pilot who as a young boy rode his bicycle in Orange County, Calif., and dreamed of flying the

military jets roaring in and out of nearby El Toro Naval Air Station.

The wires were part of an aerial gondola system at a popular ski resort in the northern Italian mountains, his supervisors told him. The collision three months ago sent 20 civilians in a cable car to their deaths, strained the relations of NATO allies and bolstered demands that the U.S. military get out of Europe.

The Marine Corps, reacting quickly to the public outcry, preliminarily determined the mishap was due to "air crew error" — that Ashby was flying too low, too fast and too recklessly during a routine NATO training mission.

But in his first interview since the Feb. 3 crash, the 31-year-old pilot maintained he was cleared to fly low and at high speeds, and that his military-approved flight maps never indicated ski resorts or other populated areas along the routine

training run dubbed "Easy 01."

Facing court-martial and potentially the rest of his life in prison, Ashby believes he will be vindicated.

"I have a lot of faith and I have it in my heart and I have it in my head," he said.

With these words, he touched his chest. He patted his forehead. And then his turquoise eyes filled with tears as he recalled those who died and the families that have suffered.

During the day, while on the job, he re-plays in his mind those frantic seconds, he said. Then he comes home at night, a single man alone with his unforgiving thoughts, the pounding Atlantic surf just outside. Italy is an ocean away, and he falls asleep exhausted.

"I have faith in God and I have faith in the Marine Corps," he said. "If it was not for that faith, then I could not get through this. Faith is what keeps me going."

## San Diego to be Navy megaport

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Navy is dredging tons of sand — and digging up loads of controversy — as it works to turn San Diego Bay into a megaport for nuclear-powered aircraft carriers.

Environmentalists twice have sued and failed to block the dredging project. They fear the three 1,000-foot nuclear-powered carriers that will be stationed a few miles from downtown will heighten the chance of a radioactive disaster.

The Navy contends its nuclear carriers are safe and points out that there never has been a reactor accident associated with them.

And then there's the problem of what is in the sand the Navy has been dredging since last fall.

The Navy had agreed to use the sand to replenish 60 miles of eroding beaches. But last fall, live munitions, including a Vietnam War-era mortar round and several large-caliber, World War II anti-aircraft shells, were found in the sand after some of it already had been spread on the beach at Oceanside.

The aircraft carrier John C. Stennis will drop anchor there in August.

## Army defends military school

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Former Panamanian strongman and convicted drug trafficker Gen. Manuel Noriega graduated from the school. So did Roberto D'Aubuisson, architect of El Salvador's right-wing death squad network.

Founded in 1946 to teach Latin American soldiers U.S. military tactics, the Army's School of the Americas has been labeled by critics as a training

ground for assassins, dictators and their henchmen.

Although it admits some of its graduates have abused their authority, the Army claims a few bad apples do not spoil the whole bunch. So on Saturday it did something it has hardly ever done in the past — faced its critics and let them fire away.

"The school is the West Point of Latin America," said the Rev. Roy Bourgeois. "Latin Americans

cannot understand why we are arming and training the soldiers that are beating them up."

Bourgeois, serving a federal prison term for trespassing during a protest at the school, is a member of the Maryknolls, a U.S.-based Catholic mission group working in Latin America for decades.

Maryknoll priests and sisters have often been caught in the crossfire.

## VMI cadets convicted

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — A student jury has convicted three Virginia Military Institute seniors of lying about whipping three male freshmen with belts, and also found the freshmen guilty of lying to protect the upperclassmen.

A lawyer for some of the cadets said Saturday that the jury's decision would be appealed to a federal judge.

The jury of seven cadets returned the verdict late Friday.

The VMI honor code calls for cadets to be expelled if the honor court finds them guilty of lying, cheating or stealing, and the superintendent declines to intervene.

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## Shoes mark victims of handgun violence

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Protesters marched outside America's largest handgun maker Saturday to demand safeguards they say will cut down on the thousands of gun deaths that happen each year.

"We are holding the gun industry responsible because they have refused to design, advertise and market their products to save the lives of children," said Arlene Locicero, 58, of Hawthorne, N.J.

Locicero, whose daughter was one of six people killed in a 1993 shooting aboard a Long Island commuter train, was among 150 people protesting outside Smith & Wesson.

The protest was one of several scheduled Saturday outside the country's largest gun makers in Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts and Virginia.

Protesters laid out 5,285 pairs of shoes to represent the number of young people age 19 and under who died from gunshots either by homicide, suicide or accident in 1995, the latest year for which statistics were available.

The Silent March protesters as they called themselves want weapons manufacturers to make guns childproof, drop laser sights and hollow-point bullets, display prominent warning labels on guns, reduce production and raise prices.

"I think the gun manufacturers have created this environment," said Tina Johnstone, the Silent March founder whose husband was killed in San Francisco in 1992.

Nearly 100 protestors also showed up in Southport, Conn., and another 100 in Baltimore.

Maryland is home to the gunmaker Beretta.

## Prosecutor asked Reno to investigate Clinton, Gore

NEW YORK (AP) — The Justice Department's top prosecutor for campaign finance told Republican senators he had urged Attorney General Janet Reno to seek an independent prosecutor to investigate President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, The New York Times reported today.

The newspaper, in a story on its Web site, also reported that the prosecutor, Charles LaBella, is preparing a report to Reno with new evidence.

## Columbia's hydraulic system malfunctions before landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A crucial hydraulic system malfunctioned aboard space shuttle Columbia on Saturday, leaving the astronauts with less power than they would like for their ride home.

NASA said the problem would not jeopardize the safety of the seven-member crew during Sunday's landing — unless another hydraulic system fails.

"I don't consider it to be really any additional risk," flight director John Shannon said.

The problem arose when Columbia's pilots turned on one of three hydraulic power units as part of the usual day-before-landing test. These units provide the power needed to move the shuttle body flaps, rudder and landing gear — essential for a safe return to Earth.

The cooling system for the activated unit would not work; it's supposed to spray water on attached hydraulic lines.

The same water-spray system malfunctioned when Columbia lifted off April 17 on this mission to study the nervous systems of humans as well as rodents, fish, snails and crickets. Flight controllers figured the system was

frozen and that the interfering ice would melt during the 16-day flight. But they now suspect a bad valve.

Space shuttles have landed three times before with only two fully functioning hydraulic units.

"We have a high degree of confidence that we could land the shuttle" on a single hydraulic unit, but that's never been tested, Shannon said. At the very least, the hydraulic systems would be sluggish.

Shannon said Columbia's two good hydraulic units will be turned on as usual an hour before landing. The unit that lacks cooling will be activated six minutes before touchdown, limiting the time it has to run and thereby preventing it from overheating. That's "the most dynamic" part of touchdown anyway, Shannon said.

Columbia's pilots should notice no difference in the way the shuttle handles with two vs. three hydraulic units, Shannon said.

The third unit essentially provides a reserve of hydraulic power with which to move the wing flaps, rudder and other steering devices.

## Navy flier makes landing in Playboy

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A naval flight officer who posed in Playboy magazine under the line "fly girl" may face disciplinary action from the Navy.

Lt. Frederica Spilman,

28, is scheduled to leave the service Thursday, two days after the magazine hits newsstands.

But the Navy could keep her on active duty past that date if it decides to administer disciplinary proce-

dures, said Pat Dooling, a spokesman at Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

She may be facing charges such as violation of Navy uniform regulations and conduct unbecoming of an officer.

ment sources with knowledge of the meeting.

LaBella has never publicly stated his views on an independent prosecutor and, sources told the paper that he has not decided whether to again recommend such an appointment in his upcoming report to Reno.

LaBella, formerly an assistant U.S. attorney in San Diego, is preparing to return to San Diego as interim U.S. attorney.

# Clinton seeking overturn of landmine moratorium

By New York Times

WASHINGTON — With the Pentagon warning of serious threats to American troops around the world, the administration is scrambling to repeal a law that imposed a moratorium on the use of antipersonnel land mines starting next February.

The law was approved by Congress and signed by President Clinton more than two years ago, long before the worldwide campaign to ban land mines produced an international treaty. The administration refused to sign that treaty last December, but the moratorium has remained on the books.

Although President Clinton signed the moratorium into law in February 1996, his aides have now joined the nation's military commanders, who never supported it in the first place, in campaigning against it, angering the highly organized and vocal critics of land mines.

In a meeting last week, the president's

national security adviser, Sandy Berger, appealed to the sponsor of the moratorium, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., to push for its reversal.

The moratorium, which sailed through Congress as part of a larger foreign affairs appropriations bill, was meant to prod the Pentagon into searching for alternatives to antipersonnel land mines. It requires the Pentagon to forswear the use of most such mines for only one year, starting Feb. 12, 1999.

In a way, it is a symbolic gesture because the Pentagon has no plans to use any of its 11 million mines as long as the United States is not at war. But to the military commanders, a moratorium could seriously hamper American forces should fighting break out.

And with the deadline looming, Secretary of Defense William Cohen and other Pentagon officials have stepped up their opposition in public and private appeals to Congress.

# Clinton criticizes IRS abuses

By New York Times

PALO ALTO, Calif. — President Clinton, leaping to the front of a Republican parade, said Saturday that he was outraged by IRS abuses of taxpayers revealed at congressional hearings last week and promised to support an overhaul of the tax agency.

In his weekly radio broadcast, the president said that he found intolerable the

"stories of citizens harassed and humiliated by what seemed to be an unaccountable, downright tone-deaf agency."

He said that he had ordered IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti to swiftly end the abuses and propose significant changes in agency operations.

The president has been a latecomer to the overhaul-the-IRS movement, begun last year by Republicans on Capitol Hill.

# Students protest drinking ban

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Police fired tear gas into a crowd of 3,000 Michigan State University students early Saturday who lit a fire in the city's downtown to protest a ban on drinking at a favorite party spot.

The confrontation came a few hours before the release of a national study that said the school leads the nation's universities in alcohol-related arrests.

Meanwhile, police in

New Hampshire were pelted with bottles, beer cans and rocks when they tried to disperse more than 500 partying Plymouth State College students and visitors early Saturday.

Both altercations come the week that students were finishing up their final exams.

In Michigan, demonstrators were angry that the university decided to put a stop to drinking at Munn Field, a campus

spot where fans hold parties before and after Spartan football games.

The crowd, estimated at 3,000 people, moved into downtown East Lansing, chanting obscenities at police. Just after midnight the protesters lit a fire in one of downtown's busiest intersections.

Police fired tear gas into the crowd so firefighters could put out the blaze, police said. Seventeen people were arrested.

# President, astronaut honor Wright Bros.

From wire reports

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. — The monument that marks man's first powered flight was rededicated Saturday amid fireworks, patriotic music and speeches by a former Navy pilot who became president and an astronaut who walked on the moon.

The relighting of the beacon atop the Wright Brothers National Memorial capped a tribute to American ingenuity and the conquest of air.

President George Bush and astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin helped commemorate what Orville and Wilbur Wright accomplished on Dec. 17, 1903.

## More students cheating

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Students cheat more than they used to, said Donald McCabe, a Rutgers University associate provost who has studied honor codes and cheating for several years. Not only do they do it more, but they are more likely to rationalize it, with many arguing that they do it because everybody does it, he said.

McCabe said he has just begun researching cheating at the high school level, and the things he's hearing from his focus groups are similarly disturbing. "I had 19 high school students and all admitted to some cheating," he said. "It's just not a big deal."

## Americans stand by Hillary

WASHINGTON — Most Americans admire the way Hillary Rodham Clinton is standing by the president, but one person in three believes the first lady will leave her husband once he leaves office, according to a poll released Saturday.

The poll, published in the U.S. News & World Report edition on newsstands Monday, also found that 51 percent of Americans do not believe Rodham Clinton's statements that allegations against President Clinton sprang from a right-wing conspiracy, compared with 39 percent who agree with her.

Unidentified friends of Rodham Clinton told the magazine that the first lady has made a clear-cut decision she will believe her husband's version of events and not quiz him very carefully on details.

## Euro bank reaches compromise on chief

From wire reports

BRUSSELS — Europe's Alan Greenspan will be a Dutchman — but for the first four years only. Then, if the gameplan holds, he'll become French.

In late-night horsetrading Saturday to fill what promises to be one of the world's most influential jobs in economics and finance, the presidency of the new European Central Bank, the favored candidate, Willem Frederik (Wim) Duisenberg, 62, got only half the job.

Sometime in the first half of 2002, Duisenberg will bow out and be replaced by the other candidate, an urbane French civil servant seven years his junior, Jean-Claude Trichet, the first governor of the Banque de France since it was freed from government control in 1993.

### Polish spy returns

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's most famous communist-era turncoat told Solidarity members Saturday he prevented bloodshed in 1981 by keeping them in the dark about government plans to impose martial law.

On his first trip to Poland in 17 years, Col. Ryszard Kuklinski said he knew Poland's communist-led government was preparing martial law, yet never alerted the pro-democracy union.

Kuklinski said he told his CIA handlers of the plans before defecting to the United States in 1981, though he purposely withheld the information from Solidarity leaders, fearing it could spark violent nationwide confrontations.

### Quakes again rock Japan

TOKYO — Two fairly strong earthquakes shook a coastal resort area south of Tokyo Sunday, but there were no reports of damage or injury.

A magnitude 4.3 quake jolted the towns of Ito and Atami, on the Izu peninsula, about 85 miles south of Tokyo, at around 11 a.m., the Central Meteorological Agency said.

Ten minutes later, a larger quake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.4 struck the same area, the agency said.

The quakes were centered about 6.2 miles below the seabed.

# Annan knew of plans for genocide, report says

NEW YORK (AP) — Kofi Annan, now U.N. Secretary-General, knew months in advance about plans by the Rwandan government to exterminate minority Tutsis, but his office ordered U.N. peacekeepers not to intervene, according to a report appearing in Monday's edition of The New Yorker magazine.

Annan was the head of U.N. peacekeeping operations on Jan. 11, 1994, when the commander of U.N. forces in Rwanda warned the world body that the Kigali government was planning to slaughter Tutsis.

In a fax sent to U.N. headquarters in New York, the commander quoted a senior Rwandan security official as saying he had been ordered to register all Tutsis in Kigali for the purpose, he suspected, of "their extermination."

In reply, Annan's office ordered the U.N. commander, Gen. Romeo Dallaire, not to protect the informant or take military action to confiscate arms stockpiles.

The Rwandan genocide erupted April 6, 1994, and three months later, Hutu extremists had killed at least 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

## Gore leaves Israel after meeting with Netanyahu

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. Vice President Al Gore left Israel today without convincing the Jewish state to agree to a more extensive withdrawal from the West Bank, media reports said.

Gore was in Israel to celebrate its 50th anniversary and to smooth disagreements over an American initiative before Israeli and Palestinian leaders meet with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in London on Monday.

The Palestinians have already accepted the American proposal that links measures against Islamic militants to an Israeli withdrawal from 13 percent of the West Bank.

In a last minute attempt to persuade Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to agree to the U.S. initiative, Gore held a two-hour meeting with the Israeli leader, Israeli media said.

However, the airport meeting did not lead to any breakthrough and Gore left for Egypt.

## Extreme-right party surging in Germany

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — A former SS sergeant announced Saturday that he plans to be a candidate for a newly successful extreme-right party and work to unify Germany's far right.

The election success of

the German People's Union in one eastern state and a May Day rally by neo-Nazis in a neighboring state has raised concerns over a surge of extreme-rightism.

Franz Schoenhuber, the former leader of the far-

right Republicans, said he plans to run on the People's Union ticket for the European Parliament election in June 1999 and will decide by the end of May whether to campaign as candidate for national elections in September.

## N. Ireland's Protestants say 'no' to peace accord

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — In 5-inch-tall letters declaring "NO," Northern Ireland's biggest Protestant organization urged its members Saturday to reject the Belfast peace accord in this month's referendum.

The Orange Order's blunt recommendation to its 50,000 members, published in its monthly newspaper, increases pressure on David Trimble, the Protestant leader campaigning for people to approve the compromise agreement.

## Sid Caesar loses humor over deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sid Caesar isn't laughing.

The five-time Emmy Award-winning comedian who starred in the 1950s TV shows *Your Show of Shows* and *Caesar's Hour* is suing two lawyers he claims reneged on a deal to pay him for a video compilation of sketches from his shows.

An arbitration court in December 1995 issued a decision barring lawyers Dan Maccabee and Steven Mark Klugman from distributing the videos. Caesar has filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court to enforce the decision.

A telephone call to the lawyers' Century City office seeking comment Thursday night went unanswered.

Neither had paid Caesar, despite a May 1994 deal for the pair to edit, market and distribute the video, the suit said.

Caesar also said in the suit that the lawyers have vowed to fight him forever "since they were attorneys, it would not cost them anything to fight against him."

## Quebec honors native songbird Celine Dion

From The Associated Press

QUEBEC — Pop diva Celine Dion received Quebec's highest honor, along with a gushing tribute from the province's separatist premier.

Dion, a Quebec native, was honored Thursday in a ceremony at the Quebec legislature where she was among 30 people awarded the Order of Quebec by Premier Lucien Bouchard.

Bouchard praised Dion for attaining "heights unequaled in the history of francophone song" and for being Quebec's greatest ambassador.

The ceremony upstaged Bouchard's chief political rival, Jean Charest, who almost simultaneously was being installed as leader of the anti-separatist Liberal Party.

Bouchard and Charest are expected to face each other in a showdown provincial election next spring. If Bouchard wins, he is expected to call another referendum on Quebec's secession from Canada.

Dion in the past has suggested she favors Quebec remaining a part of Canada but more recently has declined to answer questions about the issue.

**Brokaw: Education in turmoil**

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Television

newsman Tom Brokaw says Americans are more interested in President Clinton's sex life, Jerry Springer's TV show and other similar issues than in the biggest domestic problem facing the nation: failing public education.

"American schools are in turmoil and no one's interested in paying much attention to them," the *NBC Nightly News* anchor said Wednesday in a speech to Mailcom '98, a conference for the mailing industry.

"The fact is, I believe it will take no less than a crusade to fully repair the sad state of American education," he said.

**Mystery haunts Phantom company**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Phantom of the Opera's newest mystery? Some of the traveling show's equipment has disappeared.

A 48-foot trailer containing gear from the touring production of "The Phantom of the Opera" was taken from a Nashville storage lot. The missing equipment includes speakers and cables that lift candles out of the floor during the lagoon scene.

The trailer was parked at a storage lot after the show closed March 28, and it disappeared sometime before April 17. The equipment was to have been used for the show's stop in Raleigh, N.C., next week.

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## In The Stars and Stripes

### 10 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1988 — A new chocolate that won't melt in 90-degree temperatures has been developed in the high-technology kitchens of the Columbus, Ohio-based Battelle Memorial Institute, an institute spokesman said.

### 20 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1978 — In a report to Congress, the General Accounting Office said the F-16 jet fighter had severe — but probably correctable — engine problems.

### 30 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1968 — A North Vietnamese spokesman said a proposal to hold preliminary peace talks on an Indonesian cruiser in the Gulf of Tonkin was unacceptable to Hanoi.

### 40 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1958 — The Soviet Union, in its 83rd United Nations Security Council veto, rejected President Eisenhower's arctic inspection plan after denouncing it as a trick to get military data in Soviet territory.

### 50 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1948 — The British ordered a 48-hour cease-fire between Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem.

## Johnson to head to the altar again

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Don Johnson is headed back to the altar.

The star of TV's *Nash Bridges* is engaged to Kelley Phleger, a 29-year-old member of a prominent San Francisco family.

Johnson, 48, gave Phleger a 5-carat, square-cut diamond ring. She is the stepdaughter of San Francisco attorney Peter Phleger of Brobeck Phleger & Harrison.

Marriage is nothing new for Johnson, who had two youthful marriages annulled and has twice married and divorced actress Melanie Griffith.

Phleger has never been married. The wedding is set for October.

# Helling helps Rangers knock out Red Sox 7-6

**From The Associated Press**

BOSTON — Rick Helling became the major leagues' first six-game winner Saturday, as the Texas Rangers got two homers from Kevin Elster and one from Ivan Rodriguez to beat the Boston Red Sox 7-6.

Helling (6-0) allowed four runs on eight hits and two walks in six-plus innings, striking out six to become the first pitcher in Rangers history to win his first six starts.

**Indians 5, Devil Rays 1**

CLEVELAND — Chad Ogea allowed three hits in 7 1-3 innings, and Sandy Alomar broke out of a slump with three hits for Cleveland.

Ogea (1-1), who beat Kevin Brown and the Florida Marlins twice in the World Series, outdueled former Marlins starter Tony Saunders as the Indians won their second straight after losing 10 of 14 games.

**Twins 8, Orioles 7, 11 innings**

BALTIMORE — Ron Coomer homered in the 11th inning to give Minnesota



its first extra-inning victory in five tries.

**Blue Jays 7, Athletics 0**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Roger Clemens took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before Ben Grieve broke it up.

Clemens (3-3), who has never pitched a no-hitter in 422 career starts, allowed just the one hit in seven innings, striking out seven and walking two. Paul Quantrill finished with perfect relief.

**Mariners 4, Tigers 0**

SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 12th homer to tie for the major league lead, and Jamie Moyer (2-3) pitched a three-hitter for his fourth career shutout.

**Yankees 12, Royals 6**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Darryl Strawberry hit his first grand slam in four years and Andy Pettitte (5-2) won his fifth consecutive decision despite a pair of Jeff King homers.

**Angels 5, White Sox 3**

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Damon Mashore broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth with a two-run double Mike Siroka (4-1), and Anaheim overcame the the loss of Chuck Finley to win for the eighth time in nine games.

# Rockies send Mets to 6th loss

**By The Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Slumping Ellis Burks hit a grand slam with two outs in the ninth inning Saturday and the Colorado Rockies sent the New York Mets to their sixth straight loss 7-3.

Vinny Castilla, Larry Walker and Neifi Perez also homered for the Rockies, who won for the fifth time in six games. The Mets' losing streak is their longest since dropping eight straight in August 1996.

**Reds 8, Brewers 5**

MILWAUKEE — Lenny Harris' pinch-hit RBI single off Chad Fox in the eighth inning broke a tie and lifted Cincinnati to the win.

Barry Larkin started the winning rally with a one-out single to left that snapped a career-worst 0-for-30 slump.

**Cubs 4, Cardinals 3, 11 innings**

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa doubled in Mark Grace with two outs in the 11th in-



ning to give Chicago the win.

**Braves 4, Giants 3**

ATLANTA — Michael Tucker homered twice and Keith Lockhart hit an RBI single off Robb Ben (3-1) with two outs in the ninth.

**Astros 4, Phillies 1**

PHILADELPHIA — Mike Hampton (5-0) allowed one run and seven hits in 7 2-3 innings to win for the 17th time in 20 decisions and become the NL's first five-game winner. Houston has won 12 of 14.

**Padres 8, Marlins 7**

MIAMI — Wally Joyner had three hits, including one that fractured the right wrist of Florida starter Eric Ludwick (1-3) in the third inning. San Diego took an 8-2 lead and hung on to win for the sixth time in seven games.

**Dodgers 5, Pirates 4**

PITTSBURGH — Roger Cedeno's two-run single and some sloppy Pittsburgh defense helped Los Angeles open a 5-0 lead and win for the sixth time in eight games.

# Sonics quash Timberwolves to take series

**By Scripps Howard News Service**

SEATTLE — Staring grimly into the darkness of an era's end, the Seattle SuperSonics found an edge in the guile and toughness of experience and reaped the benefits of their advancing years.

After enduring a week's worth of torment from Minnesota's young Turks, the Sonics finally quashed the unrest and drove the Wolves from the neighborhood

for good on Saturday with a 97-84 win in Game 5 of their Western Conference first-round series. Seattle claimed the series 3-2 and opens play in the

Western Conference semifinals against the Los Angeles Lakers at KeyArena on Monday.

For the second straight do-or-die game, the Sonics prevailed on the strength of aggressive defense, clutch 3-point shooting from Hersey Hawkins and a dominant all-around effort from Gary Payton.

Payton scored 17 of his game-high 29 points after halftime as he willed the Sonics to victory. His totals included four assists, four steals, one turnover and 48 minutes played. When he beat three defenders with a remarkable solo effort that ended with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer, Seattle's lead was 71-64 after three quarters. The Timberwolves would not draw closer than five points the rest of the game.

And while Seattle tightened the vise, Minnesota's boy-wonder dynamic duo of Stephon Marbury and Kevin Garnett unraveled under the suffocating pressure. As their confident swagger turned to a diffident shuffle, Payton was strutting across the KeyArena floor with the invincible badness of Stagger Lee.

Garnett and Marbury combined to misfire on 16 of 21 shots and commit 15 turnovers.



# Senators eliminate Devils from playoffs

From The Associated Press

## Senators 3, Devils 1

KANATA, Ontario — So much for the New Jersey Devils' high hopes this season.

The Ottawa Senators eliminated the first-place Devils from the playoffs with a 3-1 victory Saturday night, suddenly turning the Eastern Conference into a wide-open race.

"What a relief," said Senators forward Bruce Gardiner as he slumped in his locker-room stall after eighth-place Ottawa finished off the first-round series in six games.

The Philadelphia Flyers, seeded No. 3, were knocked out by the sixth-place Buffalo Sabres on Friday night. The No. 2-seeded Pittsburgh Penguins trail the No. 7 Montreal Canadiens 3-2 heading into Sunday night's game at the Molson Cen-

tre.

The No. 4 Washington Capitals lead the Boston Bruins 3-2 going into Sunday's game in Boston.

The Senators will meet either Pittsburgh or the winner of the Washington-Boston series in the conference semifinals.



"It's really unbelievable," goaltender Damian Rhodes said over and over.

The Senators, who finished 24 points behind New Jersey, dominated the final game with their speed and aggressive forechecking.

## Stars 3, Sharks 2, OT

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Mike Keane scored the winning goal as the Dallas Stars finally conquered the underdog San Jose Sharks with an overtime victory to move on to the second round of the West-

ern Conference playoffs.

The Sharks, the eighth seed in their conference, had threatened to take the closely-fought series back to Dallas for Game 7 by jumping ahead 2-0 in the game. But Dallas battled back with two straight goals in the second period and the game-winner at 3:43 into overtime to wrap up the series in six games.

## Oilers 2, Avalanche 0

EDMONTON, Alberta — There's still life in the Edmonton Oilers. Goaltender Curtis Joseph turned in a brilliant 31-save performance as the Oilers staved off playoff elimination with a 2-0 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Saturday night.

The Oilers forced Game 7 on Monday, clawing their way back from a 3-1 series deficit to tie the Western Conference quarter-final at 3-3. "Unbelievable!" said Edmonton forward Doug Weight.

## Real Quiet takes Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — There was a lot of noise about Indian Charlie before Saturday's Kentucky Derby. It was Real Quiet when it was over, and Bob Baffert was celebrating again.

The colt he called his insurance policy took over for his favored stablemate and gave Baffert his second straight victory in the Derby.

Though the 45-year-old trainer wasn't shocked by Real Quiet's win, he was surprised about the depths of his feelings.

"I almost started crying when he hit the wire," said Baffert, who became only the sixth trainer to win consecutive Derbies. "I never thought after winning with Silver Charm I would feel that emotional, but it gets better every time you win."

Real Quiet, who usually makes a big stretch run, took the lead with a quarter-mile remaining at Churchill Downs, and then held off hard-charging Victory Gallop by a half-length.

Indian Charlie, unbeaten in his four previous starts, was third, 21/4 lengths behind Victory Gallop and a head in front of Halory Hunter.

Favorite Trick, the second betting choice, finished a disappointing eighth after fading in the stretch. It was the second straight loss for the 1997 Horse of the Year and 2-year-old champion.

## Smolinski's power plays lead U.S. victory over Swiss

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Bryan Smolinski of the New York Islanders scored two power play goals and assisted on another, leading the United States to a 5-2 victory over Switzerland on Saturday at the World Ice Hockey Championships.

With none of the players who trashed their rooms at the Olympic Village in Nagano, the Americans engaged in a chip-on-the-shoulder match with five penalties issued in the first 23 seconds.

Undaunted by 14 minutes of penalties, the Americans opened scoring in the volatile first period with a power play and short-handed goal.

Smolinski scored the first goal when he grabbed the puck high in the slot after Switzerland's Martin Rauch tried to clear it.

The United States increased its lead while killing a penalty when Darby Hendrickson of the Toronto Maple Leafs went 2-on-1 with Eric Weinrich of the Chicago Blackhawks and slipped it in between the pads of Swiss goaltender Reto Pavoni.

Then the Americans continued adding two power play goals in the

second period, with Smolinski scoring at 2:45 and setting up Islanders teammate Tom Chorske for another at 7:03 to make it 4-0.

"It's a good feeling," Smolinski said. "I'm supposed to score in the NHL, that's what I'm paid to do. But to pop two in the first game here, that's a confidence booster."

"To help the U.S. team to do well right now is a good uplift."

The Swiss struggled in the first two periods, failing to get a single shot on goal during a four-minute power play while Boston University's Christopher Drury sat out a double penalty.

Martin Steinegger got Switzerland on the scoreboard at 1:33 of the final period, beating goalie Garth Snow of Vancouver. The United States responded with a goal by Michael Crowley at 7:16 of the period before Mathias Seger scored Switzerland's final goal on a power play less than three minutes later.

It was an important victory for the U.S. team composed mostly of minor league, college and European League players. The Olympic team members were told to stay home.